

## DESIRE HIGH HONOR

AT LEAST TEN STATES HAVE ATOURAL FIGHTS ON HAND.

Lodge versus Crago in Massachu-

setts; Bulkeley versus Hawley in Connec-

Abbott versus Blodgett in New J-

and Anybody's Fight in Other St

Many a year has passed since

organization of the United States

excited so much interest and specula-

tion as that which is to be

opening of the Fifty-third congress



CRAGO LODGE

issues to be settled involve almost disputable point in the organic legislative bodies—some turn to the construction of the United constitution, and more upon what constitution is not explicit, and have heretofore depended upon debate. In five new states ofatures which are to elect or not, party, and in five old states, w party or the other had a decisive victory, there are very spirited cont as to the men.

In Pennsylvania it appears to by consent that Matthew Stahl will succeed himself, although Attorney Graham, of Philadelphia probably receive some votes cancer. In New York the stars are already at it; in the kindred factions are equal in Connecticut the new, as using to shew out the old, and in chusets there is an illigant as ye ever saw, sir, between bloods for Henry Cabot Lodge wartime veterans for William If this were all, there would enough, but in the very art organization the senate will present a situation extremely w edent in this country.

There are, first, fifty-eight senators, twenty-eight Democ-ty eight Republicans and two Kyle, of South Dakota, and Kansas. Should these two di test, the senate would stand to twenty-nine, with a vote in the discretion of the dent. Of the thirty sen terms of service expire Ma there are nineteen Repub eleven Democrats. To elect ccessors the Democrats have isolates certain and the twelve, leaving California Kansas, Nebraska and Wyom in dispute.

It goes without saying th is delicate, and it is but the dominant party in each state should be thinking of getting its best man for the Massachusetts presents the esting contest inside the party, and the situation t

Henry Cabot Lodge, age



HAWLEY.

versus William Wallace sixty-two. The figures for it is in effect the young who have grown up since the old timers.

The latter indeed reg thing did and stand in On both sides he had an of those bought the s fro Captain Miles St pilgrim ancestors were Slovens and Howlands, branch of the family be intermarriage and other away from the strict Pa the New Bedford vicinity.

William Wallace Crag in descent from Rufus C the family in America, Dartmouth May 18, 1830 son in a family of ten father, Hon. Henry E prospered greatly and in Michigan later in the state of which he finally or. The graduate was admitted to prac and a year later, at the age, was elected a mem chette legislature. A in law practice and at fair of his father's he was elected to the F gross and re-elected married a daughter of pan.

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BY WORD OF GOD.

Spirit all glorious.

Spirit of light.

Hovering over us.

In the dark night.

Where are thy plumes?

Where is thy sight?

There is no light.

Over the far heights?

Seest thou all of us?

Scattered afar?

Doest thou not call to us?

From thy bright ear?

Spirit so fairy-like?

Dwelling above:

Oh, is thy airy life

A spirit of pure love?

We would hark to thee!

Spirit so true!

Show us the way to thee.

Through the dark blue:

Mould us and fashion us

Unto the right:

Lead us to mansions of

Beauty and light.

Seest thou all of our

Sorrows and pain?

Bearst thou love for us.

Mid our deep grief,

Acting the dove to us

Of peace and relief?

Do st thou not send to us

Scalings of trust?

Do we not need to us

In our kindred earth?

Joyfully teaching us

Of the pure way?

Hopefully reaching us

Ever we stray?

Hast thou not seen us

Leaving no desert.

Never destroying us

Like those of earth?

Are we not to be in

Our sweet dreams.

Happily blessing us

What it so seems?

Ever our carrying

Weary must be.

Earthly toll-carrying.

Longing to see

Days of better life.

Breaking free,

Which no battle strife

Ever can see.

Spirit of summer land.

Spirit of health.

One of that loving hand

Whose love is wealth

Gives us thy innocence

Closes our eyes,

By thy sweet influence's

Loving control.

Spirit of others bright.

Spirit as kind.

Pour thou that deeper light

Into the mind.

Rendering nature's plan

Radiantly clear.

Scattering every band

Of ignorant heat.

A Happy New Year.

BY ANNA J. MCKENNA.

A silent form quite bent and old

Is crawling past us in the cold.

And murmuring "needs its mantle's fold."

"Thus am I cast away."

Cheer up, old year, we'll think of you

When you have faded from our view.

Even when we're thinking of the new,

We'll still say:

"Hours of sweetest joy are gone,

Hours when happiness alone

Made in some hearts a bitter thorn,

But all things good must end."

Yet there are some to whom you gave

Morrow's own symbol—a lonely grave.

From many a heart do loved ones crave.

"Peace to our absent friend."

Farewell, old year, your is nigh;

At midnight hour they say you'll die

And leave your wealth with one last sigh

To you next of kin so dear.

To every fire-side on earth

Wherever you can preface to mirth.

And be it rich or little worth.

I wish a Happy New Year.

Proctor's Theatre, West 33d Street, New York.

Mr. Neil Burgess with his splendid company in "The County Fair" has been testing the capacity of this popular playhouse for the past few weeks, and now that the end of his engagement is approaching the demand for seats is, if possible, greater than ever. The great race scene is the important event of the entertainment, and the audience are enthusiastic over the spirited struggle between the seven splendid Kentucky racers as was over a grand stand full of spectators over the Suburban Handicap. "The County Fair" differs from the average comedy drama in the fact that it possesses a great amount of dramatic merit, and the auditor, instead of being obliged to sit through three acts of insipid dialogue and unimportant situations, is delighted from the opening scene in the quaint old New England farmhouse to the great Fair scene in which the action occurs. The play is full of keen interest, and the brilliant flashes of the author's wit gleam through delicate touches of pathos that frequently bring tears to the eyes. "The County Fair" closed its second successful season at this house with the performance of January 7th, when Proctor's Theatre will be devoted to the exploiting of a new amusement idea.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, December 26.

Did Speaker Crisp find in his Christmas stocking something from Mr. Cleveland? It is said here that he did, and that it was nothing less than the assurance of the President-elect that he neither had nor expected to have a candidate for Speaker of the next House, and would be pleased to see Mr. Crisp re-elected. Neither those who are regarded as confidential friends of the Speaker nor those who enjoy the same relations with the President-elect will talk for publication about this reported endorsement of Mr. Crisp's candidacy; but it is known that a movement has been engendered by mutual friends of the Speaker and of the President-elect, the sole object of which was to bring about that endorsement and avoid the fight which seemed to be impending over the Speakership of the next House. Mr. Crisp went to New York this week, it is said, upon Mr. Cleveland's invitation.

It was this movement which brought out the announcement several days ago that 140 of the 217 Democrats elected to the next House had informally declared their preference for Mr. Crisp for Speaker. It is said that this announcement was made as a final argument towards convincing Mr. Cleveland that it would be good policy for him to endorse the candidacy of Mr. Crisp, and that he had been assured before that Mr. Crisp was willing to pledge himself to be guided by tariff and financial matters by his advice.

Representative Springer, who will probably continue at the head of the House Ways and Means Committee if Mr. Crisp is re-elected Speaker, unless the task of having the Committee assignments made by caucus, as in the Senate, shall materialize into a rule, has already jumped down on the Cleveland side of the tariff fence, by declaring himself in favor of a general tariff bill, instead of a number of bills each attacking single clauses of the tariff, such as were passed by the House at the last session.

The attempt to get up some excitement in Administration circles because of the alleged violation of a treaty between Great Britain and this country prohibiting either nation placing war-ships on the great lakes was not a shining success. It was agreed generally that even if Canada's armed revenue cutter were properly classifiable as warships we would have a good reason to complain, for the very simple reason that the Treasury and Navy Departments have the plans already drawn for two revenue cutters, and the bill appropriating the money to build them has been passed by the Senate, for the service of the great lakes, which, when completed, will be distinctly war-vessels as any in our navy.

It is a matter for general congratulation that partisan politics has been kept out of the immigration question. The House and Senate committees are practically of one mind, and the different bills approved, one by the Senate and the other by the House committee—one suspending immigration for one year, and the other authorizing the President to suspend it whenever and for as long as he deems necessary—have precisely the same end in view. These committees are also taking advantage of the holiday recess to obtain more immigration information. They appointed one joint sub-committee to go on investigating tour to Cuba, and another to confer with Treasury officials having charge of immigration. The news that choicers has again broken out in Hamburg adds to the importance of our legislation.

It is expected that silver will occupy a prominent place in the deliberations of Congress almost as soon as the recess is over. A strong effort is now being made, supported by all the influence of the Administration, and also by all the influence that Mr. Cleveland can command, to bring about the repeal of the Sherman Silver Law, or at least a suspension of the purchase of silver bullion. Senator Stewart is authority for the statement that any change except that what is going on to give the alarm. One more opportunity of capturing or driving off the organized band of burglars operating in Glen Ridge recently was thus lost. It will be best to give agreed alarms on the slightest suspicion, and if directions are followed these villains will soon be driven into the arms of our efficient police.

Montclair People Disturbed. Montclair people are often disturbed at the disposition manifested by Bloomfielders to become excited over political matters, and the numerous tempests that frequently agitate this town afford much amusement to our neighbors on the west. The laugh is on the other side of the line now, however, and the people of Montclair, from Eagle Rock to Aqueduct, are now in the violent throes of an exciting warfare in which politics plays an important part.

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